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Mr. David Burgin, Editor  
San Francisco Examiner  
110 Fifth  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Burgin:

In his 21 October article "Secret huddle of CIA chief, Saudi king" John Wallach states, "A spokesman for the CIA said: 'We never comment on the Director's travel.'"

Mr. Wallach never called the CIA on this story and no spokesman ever made to Mr. Wallach the comment he attributed to the Agency. In fact, if Mr. Wallach had called, we would have called the story "false." We so characterized this story to other journalists who called about Wallach's article.

CIA resents and protests Mr. Wallach's false story and self-manufactured Agency comment concerning it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George V. Lauder".

George V. Lauder  
Director, Public Affairs